



Oak Trees Class newsletter

Summer term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the glorious summer term. I hope you've had a lovely Easter break. This half term is only 4 weeks long and we have got lots to squeeze into it. Our whole school topic is 'Making and embracing differences' and we will be getting our teeth into this by embarking upon a reducing plastic waste campaign. We will be learning all about the world's oceans and marine life and how plastic waste impacts on these. This will hopefully stimulate some thoughtful learning. On the other side of the coin we will be exploring a range of differences among communities and people's lives, starting with refugees. We have some excellent literature that we will be using to teach this emotive and important issue that our world faces.

I have absolutely loved teaching Oak Trees for the last 3 weeks of last term and continue to look forward to the next 4 weeks with them. They truly are a wonderful and extraordinary bunch of young people- I feel very proud of each and every one of them.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Sian Mitchell

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar

Tues 8th May 2018

Number, Place Value & Arithmetic

Miss Sarah Walford will be teaching Oak Trees class after May half term for the duration of the second half of the summer term to cover Mrs Milson's maternity leave. In the interim Miss Walford will teach the children two mornings a week after Easter (usually a Tuesday and a Wednesday) The children have already been introduced to Miss Walford and enjoyed an inspiring English lesson with her last term.

Dates for your diary this half term!

18.4.18- Year 3, 4 and 5 children start a Big Battery Hunt. If you have any more batteries at home that you've been collecting, please send them into Oak Trees by Wednesday 25th April. We are amazed at how many children have taken part and we'll be asking the Gazette to take photos of how we've helped to save the planet. We may even win some prizes for

2.5.18- Year 6 parent SATS information session 3:30pm

7.5.18- Bank holiday- school closed

14.5.18-17.5.18 – Year 6 SATS week in am

15.5.18 – Mrs Marshall and Mrs Farnhill taking year 5 children to Norton College for a taster day

What is in the news...Last term I started having a weekly session on current affairs (appropriate to the children) in our weekly 'What is in the news?' sessions. The children have had some thought provoking and interesting discussions around recent topical issues (Brexit/SAT's tests/ reducing traffic near schools/ importance of teaching mental health in schools to name a few) I will continue with this this half term. Please do chat to your child about current affairs and encourage them to give their views on such topics.

If your child is reading often at home, please comment and sign their reading records each week, so that we know, how often they're reading and that they are being listened to at home.

Remember, reading texts do include: newspapers, magazines, comics, recipes, letters, information on the internet etc.

We have developed a chill out corner/reading area in

sometimes fortnightly. The children are expected to search for at least 10 words that have that particular spelling pattern and then write 5 sentences to ensure they understand the meanings too.

It is particularly important for the year 5 and 6 children to try and be more adventurous with other punctuation marks, fronted adverbials and exciting vocabulary too. We will be introducing

Homework

In the summer term, year 6 pupils will be sent the following each fortnight (in addition):

- Reading comprehension and maths activity
- A writing task

This will prepare children for Secondary School and the volume of work they will receive.

A reminder of the homework policy for Year 4 and 5.

- Reading (10-15 minutes daily)
- Spelling (5 minutes daily)
- Maths times tables/activity (10 minutes three times a week)
- Real life maths (30 minutes once a fortnight)
- Creative themed challenge (once a half term)

Themed challenge for this half term: Please can all children bring in every plastic packaging item that you as a family use each week. Ryedale council will thank us! The children are going to keep a log at school and then turn the plastic waste into a sculpture.

Dates for your Diary

Summer 1- until May half term

3rd May- 1.30pm- Afternoon Tea with Mrs Mitchell for the winning house of last term(TBA)

Jumble Sale at school from 2.30-3.15pm. Come early and have a rummage and raise much needed funds for schools engagement in the arts award.

6th May^{5/19}- BANK HOLIDAY

7th May- SATs information session for Year 6 parents at 3.15pm in Oak Trees

13th to 16th May- Key Stage 2 SAT's tests all week

16th May at 2.30pm- Year 6 tea party to celebrate the end of the SATs

22nd May- end of topic assembly at 2.45pm- all welcome

Friday 24th May- half term

Week beginning 3rd June- New topic 'Events and Battles that have shaped our world' starts.

After school clubs start this week- information to follow later this half term.

5th June- KS2 multiskills tournament in the afternoon at Terrington Primary